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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Transmittal of Inspection Report - RCRA

**FROM:** John Dombrowski, EPA/OC

**TO:** Larry Hacker  
Chief, IOWA/RCRA/ART

This memorandum transmits the following RCRA Compliance Evaluation Inspection report I performed with the assistance of John Maher from PRC Environmental Management, Inc. The inspection was a Level A inspection concentrating on compliance with the RCRA generator regulations and the Used Oil regulations.

Facility EPA ID Number

THE SIGN SHOP IAD051001337  
(FORMERLY EAGLE SIGNAL CONTROLS)

Potential Areas of Non-compliance:

No regulatory violations were observed during the inspection



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**RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT  
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION REPORT  
FOR  
THE SIGN SHOP  
(FORMERLY EAGLE SIGNAL CONTROLS)**

**1. Inspectors and Authors of Report**

John Dombrowski, EPA Headquarters -- Environmental Engineer  
John Maher, PRC Environmental Management, Inc. -- Environmental Scientist

All observations provided in this report were made by John Dombrowski, EPA inspector, and John Maher, contractor assistant.

**2. Facility Information**

The Sign Shop  
(Formerly Eagle Signal Controls)  
736 Federal St.  
Davenport, Iowa 52803  
(319) 323-0009  
EPA I.D. No. IAD051001337

**3. Responsible Official**

Ron Schiltz, Brown Traffic and Schlitz Properties -- Building Manager

**4. Inspection Participants**

John Dombrowski, EPA Headquarters -- Environmental Engineer  
John Maher, PRC Environmental Management, Inc. -- Environmental Scientist  
Ron Schiltz, Brown Traffic and Schlitz Properties -- Building Manager

**5. Date and Time of Inspection**

July 10, 1995, 0830

**6. Applicable Regulations**

Based on our observations of the outside of the building and discussion with Mr. Schiltz, the facility at 736 Federal St. was not subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations.

## **7. Purpose of Inspection and Procedures**

EPA performed a RCRA screening inspection at this facility on February 17, 1994. Based on the findings of the previous inspection, the purpose of the July 10, 1995, inspection was to:

- Verify whether the facility has ceased operation
- Obtain access to the facility and determine if any waste was left behind
- Determine if a new operator has moved into the facility

At the opening meeting, we met with Mr. Schiltz, Building Manager. We presented our credentials, which consisted of an EPA badge and business card, and a contractor authorization and designation letter (Appendix A). The following items were discussed, presented, reviewed: confidential business information (CBI) (Appendix B); the nature of the inspection; and the company's operations, wastes, waste management practices, manifests, and Land Disposal Restriction (LDR) notification forms.

At the closing of the meeting with Mr. Schiltz, we summarized our findings and described possible sources of compliance assistance. A copy of the Notice of Preliminary Findings form and a copy of the Receipt for Documents and Samples were not left with the facility.

## **8. Facility Description**

According to Mr. Schlitz, Eagle Signal Controls vacated the premises in February 1994. Mr. Schlitz stated that they took all of the equipment and cleaned the space before leaving. The floor was sandblasted and a new floor was poured over the old floor. Mr. Schlitz stated that the sandblasting material was placed in drums and shipped off site. He was not aware of where the waste was disposed. Mr. Schlitz stated that he has a certificate from Mark Fair Industries guaranteeing that the cleanup was acceptable.

Eagle Signal Controls had 3½ years left on its lease. The current operator of the property is The Sign Shop (Appendix B, Photo 1). The Sign Shop makes vinyl signs. At the time of the inspection, the business was closed and Mr. Schlitz did not have access to the business. We walked around the outside of the property and did not see any evidence of hazardous waste activity.

The facility is bordered by a small commercial area to the east and by the Republic Company to the west. The Republic Company also occupies the north side, along with a residential area. A parking lot and street are located on the south side.

## **9. Findings and Observations**

**No regulatory violations were observed during the inspection.**

We discussed the property with the building manager; however, we did not obtain access to the business. No hazardous waste activity was observed outside the building.



10. **EPA Assistance**

No information was provided since hazardous waste operations were not conducted on the premises.

11. **Recommendations**

Mr. Schlitz verbally agreed to forward a copy of a letter to us from the contractor that sandblasted the facility after Eagle Signal Controls vacated the premises in 1994. This letter will verify that closure was conducted in accordance with EPA regulations. The letter has not been received at the time this report is being written. If we receive this letter, we will forward it to the Region VII office. The Region may want to follow-up with Mr. Schlitz if the letter is not received or if it raises some concerns. Access to the inside of the entire facility was not available at the time of the inspection; however, the current occupant of the facility is a small sign shop and there where no signs of past or present hazardous waste activities. A follow-up inspection is not recommended at this time.

12. **Signature**

John M. Dombrowski  
Name of Inspector

12/7/95  
Date

**APPENDIX A**  
**RCRA CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZATION AND DESIGNATION LETTER**  
**(One Sheet)**



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII  
726 MINNESOTA AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

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**RCRA CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZATION**  
**AND DESIGNATION**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter authorizes the contractor John E. Maher, whose signature appears below, to assist a lead inspector of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conducting a Compliance Inspection and gathering information necessary to determine compliance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) for the period July 3, 1995, through September 1, 1995.

If you have any questions, please contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, RCRA Iowa Section, at (913) 551-7058.

Date 07/06/95

John E. Maher  
Designated Contractor  
PRC Environmental Management, Inc.

Date 6/30/95

James V. Callier  
Chief, RCRA Iowa Section  
Air, RCRA, and Toxics Division  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region VII

**APPENDIX B**  
**PHOTOLOG**  
**(One Page)**

**Eagle Signal Control  
Davenport, Iowa**



**Photo No.:** 1 **Direction Facing:** North **Photographer:** John Maher **Witness:** John Dombrowski  
**Date/Time:** 07/10/95, 0940 **Description:** This photograph shows the south side of the facility.

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